

The Dean Document

2012 Legislative Session

Week 2 is in the Books!

The hallways of the Florida Senate were full during week two of the 2012 Legislative Session. Individuals from all across the state, each with their own cause and concerns, were present during their “Legislative Days” in Tallahassee. Groups from Senate District Three stopped by including the Florida Cattlemen’s Association, Leadership Ocala Marion Youth and Pace Center for Girls. Each day is a honor to meet and hear the concerns of my constituents from all across the state. The time I spend with you is the highlight of my days while in Tallahassee. As your elected officials, we must never forget the people who have given us the honor to represent them in Tallahassee.



As a member of the Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations, which represents the Senate in budgeting, overseeing the funding, and financial matters of the following state entities: Department of Economic Opportunity; Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; Department of Military Affairs; Department of State; Department of Transportation; and the Division of Emergency Management. During the next few weeks, decisions will be made in this committee which affects the daily lives of individuals I represent. I fully understand this serious obligation I have been assigned and I feel confident we will make the proper decisions to help continue the economic growth in our state.

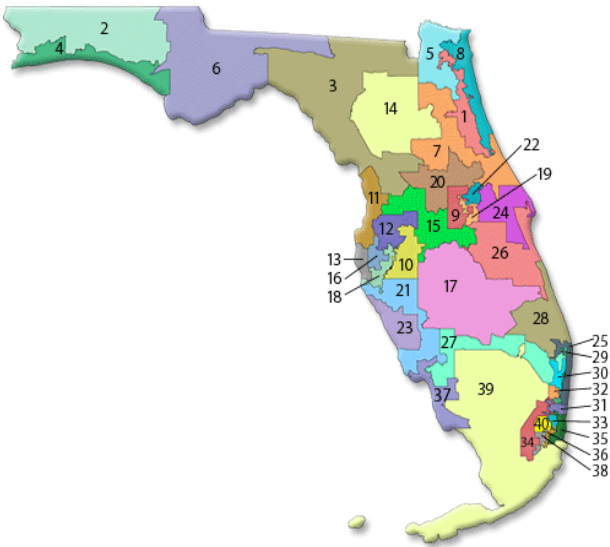
As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles S. Dean".



SENATE PASSES REDISTRICTING PLANS



On Tuesday, the Florida Senate passed Senate Bill 1174 and Senate Joint Resolution 1176, the Congressional and State Senate redistricting plans. Both passed by votes of 34-6, with bipartisan support of both bills.

“I know — I don’t think, I know — no other redistricting plan has ever spent the time and effort in this state,” Senator Dean said. “We had 5,000 people comment, participate, and voice every possible issue anybody had to say.”

The Senate Reapportionment Committee toured the entire state during the summer of 2011. There were twenty-six separate public hearings

were held from the Panhandle to the Key West

“From the onset, it was our goal to foster the most open, transparent and inclusive redistricting process in Florida’s history in order to draw district boundary lines reflecting the will of our state’s citizens,” said Senator Don Gaetz. “I can proudly say we have accomplished this goal.”

Both bills will now go to the Florida House of Representatives for consideration. To view the Senate’s plans and learn more about the redistricting process, visit www.flsenate.gov/redistricting.

Purple Heart Day-August 7th

This week, Senator Dean co-sponsored legislation which would designate August 7 of each year as “Purple Heart Day”. The Purple Heart is an award given to United States Armed Forces veterans who were killed or wounded in combat. Senate Bill 276, introduced by Senator Maria Sachs, passed the Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Senate Committee. This legislation is now ready to go before the entire Senate for a vote.

If passed into law, starting August 7, 2012, Purple Heart Day will encourage Floridians to wear purple in honor of those injured or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces. With the passage of Senate Bill 276, Senator Dean hopes it will bring more awareness and appreciation to those who risk so much for Americans.

In addition to Senate Bill 276, on January 24, 2012, the Florida Senate will recognize this day as Military Day. There will be many special events planned, including an equipment and program display from Florida’s National Guard in the Capitol Courtyard.

SB 806 Passes the Commerce and Tourism Committee

Senator Charlie Dean has introduced Senate Bill 806 which permits Citrus County to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for the designation of an enterprise zone. This bill passed unanimously in the Commerce and Tourism Committee on Thursday morning, making its next stop for discussion is the committee on Community Affairs.

The mission of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is to promote economic opportunities for all Floridians, and with their approval of the proposed enterprise zone, a once economically depressed area will be fully revitalized and restored. Citrus County officials have considered designating the projected enterprise zone as the Inverness Airport Business Park. There has already been progress of construction in the Airport Business Park, including the expansion of the Inverness Airport to accommodate a wide variety of aircraft, re-engineering to enhance water and sewer systems, and improving hanger and office space for new businesses. Citrus County officials believe the designation of the enterprise zone will help in its ability to attract new and expanding businesses.

Senator Dean has expressed his excitement for this piece of legislation. He is pleased with the projected enterprise zone in Citrus County, anticipating the growth of businesses and the creation of new jobs in the state of Florida and particularly in his district.

Leadership Ocala Marion Youth Stops by the Florida Senate

Leadership Ocala/Marion Youth (LOMY) is a program designed to educate and prepare high school juniors for leadership through learning experiences and an expanded knowledge of state and local resources and issues. LOMY also provides the opportunity for students from area schools to work together. Leadership participants come from diverse backgrounds and varied perspectives. LOMY experiences generate lasting friendships.

If you have a group who would like to stop by please contact our office at 850-487-5017.





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Fun Florida Facts:

- Florida has more than 11,000 miles of rivers, streams and waterways.
- Snow fell in Dade County on January 20, 1977.
- The first commercial airline service between two U.S. cities was established between St. Petersburg and Tampa in 1914.
- Seven student athletes from Florida Universities have won the Heisman Trophy between 1966-2010. Can you name them?

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